

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The month of February is nationally declared National Prevent A Litter Month, and the fourth Tuesday in February is nationally declared Spay Day; and,

Whereas, Two unaltered cats and their kittens can produce 420,000 more cats in 7 years, and two unaltered dogs and their puppies can produce 67,000 more dogs in 6 years; and,

Whereas, Pets provide companionship to more than 183,000 households in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Humane Societies and animal shelters euthanize cats, dogs, and other animals in South Dakota each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to the lack of critical resources and public awareness; and,

Whereas, This tragic overpopulation of pets costs citizens and taxpayers of South Dakota an estimated two million dollars annually through animal service programs aimed at coping with the 16 thousand homeless animals; and,

Whereas, Spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and,

Whereas, National and local animal protection organizations, veterinarians, and private citizens have joined together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats on Spay Day 2011:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2011, as

SPAY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State